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1. DURING MARCH 4 COUNCIL MEETING, SEC GEN VAN LENNEP
FORMALLY PROPOSED MAY 27-28 AS DATES FOR OECD MINISTER-
IAL, NOTING THAT SEVERAL GOVERNMENTS HAD INDICATED
ACCEPTANCE OF THESE DATES DURING PROCESS OF INFORMAL
CONSULTATIONS. AMB. TURNER STATED THAT SECRETARY
KISSINGER WOULD ATTEND MINISTERIAL IF PROPOSED DATES
WERE ACCEPTED. WHILE FINAL COUNCIL DECISION WILL NOT BE
TAKEN UNTIL NEXT MEETING (PRESENTLY SCHEDULED FOR
MARCH 13), ONLY PERMREP TO EXPRESS OBJECTIONS TO
PROPOSED DATES WAS AUSTRALIAN, WHO SAID AUSTRALIAN
PARLIAMENTARY SESSION WOULD PRECLUDE ATTENDANCE OF
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MINISTERS AT THAT TIME. HOWEVER, HE INDICATED THAT

AUSTRALIA WOULD NOT OPPOSE HOLDING MINISTERIAL MAY 27-28,
IF THAT WERE DESIRED BY OTHER GOVERNMENTS.

2. IN RESPONSE TO QUERY BY AUSTRALIAN AMBASSADOR,
VAN LENNEP SAID IT WAS NOT YET CLEAR WHETHER IMF-RELATED
MEETINGS WOULD BE HELD DURING SAME WEEK AS OECD
MINISTERIAL. HE DESCRIBED IT AS "SLIGHTLY MORE PROBABLE"
THAT INTERIM COMMITTEE AND DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL WOULD
MEET DURING WEEK OF JUNE 8.
TURNER UNQUOTE
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